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I wasn't going to speak at all today and I think everyone knows how I feel about this piece of legislation, and I certainly am never the equal of either Senator Carpenter or Senator Chambers and so I won't attempt to follow their magnificent performances this morning, except to say that although Senator Chambers urged us to get to the heart of the issue and avoid the personalities involved, I think he avoided the real issue. Here today also and the issue is the balance of power as symbolized by the flow of information. I think that this body demonstrated in several of its actions this year inconsistencies and an inability to deal with the power, deal with the power that we do have and if we had the information, I'm not sure that we would know how to use it. We do have the power of the budget here and the power that we abrogated on the demand of Senator Carpenter earlier in the year and so now he wants us to control the flow of information and I would presume not to alter our exercises of power of the budget. If we were to control all the information of preparing the budget in the State of Nebraska and then proceed to conduct ourselves as we did on the budget this year, it would be a gross absurdity, I think. What the situation that we have now, and the situation that we tried to promote this year, was to expand the staff, the fiscal staff or the legislature and to provide a balance of information and there fore balance of power in the area of the budget. We've expanded Senator Marvel's fiscal staff from I believe 9 to 18 or given that authorization, and it is my belief that with the expansion of that staff, and under the supervision of the highly competent Senator Marvel, that this legislature should be in a much better position to function on a balance of information basis with the executive. However, I feel that the balance of power is intricately involved in that balance of information. I think that the executive has to have high power in acquiring information and there is nothing sacred about information. It is going to be used and manipulated for who's ever purposes are involved, and the only way to arrive at integrity is to have some type of a competitive situation there. I think the expansion of our own fiscal staff and the upgrading of the quality of the people that we have working for us, and and by leaving DAS under its present condition will create that balance and so I will vote, remain to sustain the Governor's veto.

PRESIDENT: The chair next recognizes Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Well, Mr. Chairman, I only want to say that I think our visitors this morning hit the jackpot. I don't think that Barnum Bailey has a chance. This is the greatest show on earth. Having said that, I think we have all made up our mind, how we are going to vote, and I move the previous question. We've got a lot of work to do.

PRESIDENT: Previous question has been called, does the chair see 5 hands? Thank-you. The question is, shall the debate now close? All those in favor, vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Your voting to close debate. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 34 ayes, no nays, 15 not voting on the motion to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: The debate will now close. Senator Marvel you may close. Senator Marvel is closing on his motion.

SENATOR MARVEL: I would like to first of all request of educational television that a copy of this proceeding be